



# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

## 72-HOUR REPORT

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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Orange County – County Hospitals Targeted With Second Hoax Bomb Threat In a Week

(U) For the second time this week, an Orange County hospital received a threat claiming there is a bomb on the premises. The Orange County Sheriff's Department reported Saturday that someone claimed there was a bomb at MemorialCare Saddleback Medical Center in Laguna Hills. The sheriff's department established a perimeter and worked with hospital administration to look for a device but determined the threat to be a hoax. A similar situation occurred on 26 December 2021.

SOURCE: 1 January 2022, [NBC Los Angeles](#)

#### (U) San Diego – Man Dies After Being Shoved into Oncoming Train in 'Unprovoked' Attack

(U) A man in his 60s died after being shoved off a trolley platform into the path of an oncoming freight train in Old Town San Diego on Saturday. Law enforcement reported the attack was without provocation. Onlookers told police two men were walking across the platform after exiting a trolley when one shoved the other into the path of a passing freight train. Police responding to the trolley station found the badly injured man, who died at the scene. Police are attempting to locate the suspect accused in the attack, who boarded another trolley and left the area.

SOURCE: 2 January 2022, [Sacramento Bee](#)

#### (U) Walnut Creek – Homemade Bomb Discovered During Pleasant Hill Traffic Stop; Two Arrested

(U) A combined bomb squad and police response in Pleasant Hill shut down gas pumps at a local service station late Saturday after two people were found with a homemade explosive device in their car. The Walnut Creek police bomb squad responded and rendered the device safe, according to Pleasant Hill police. The suspects were charged with possession of destructive devices or explosives.

SOURCE: 2 January 2022, [CBS SF Bay Area](#)

### (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

#### (U) Texas – Plane Allegedly Used to Smuggle Migrants into US Crashes in Southwest Texas

(U) Presidio County – Presidio County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to an airplane crash north of the Presidio International Airport on Thursday. Deputies arrived on the scene and assisted the injured passengers when they discovered that the crash was a smuggling attempt gone wrong. The pilot attempted to smuggle five illegal immigrants from Presidio by air. Investigators believe the excess weight of the passengers and low fuel contributed to the cause of the accident. The pilot, identified as Tobias Penner Peters, fled the scene and is wanted for questioning.

SOURCE: 31 December 2021, [KFDM-FOX 4](#) [CBS 7](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Louisiana – Five Missing Teenage Girls Found, 30 Sex Offenders Arrested in 'Operation Boo Dat'

(U) New Orleans – Five endangered and missing teenagers were recovered in during a multiagency effort dubbed "Operation Boo Dat 2021" led by the US Marshals Service. The annual operation, which

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took place from mid-October to December, also led to the arrest of 30 individuals, including 17 who were suspected of felony sex offender registration violations. All five of the found teenagers were girls ranging between the ages of 14 and 17. The operation was carried out in coordination with the New Orleans Police Department, Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, Louisiana State Police, and USMS New Orleans Task Force.

SOURCE: 2 January 2022, [CNN](#) [US Marshals Service](#)

### **(U) INTERNATIONAL**

#### **(U) India – Last Surviving Terrorist Behind Pulwama Attack Killed in Kashmir**

(U) Anantnag – On Thursday, a top commander of the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terrorist group and three others were killed during anti-terror operations in the Anantnag district. Officials confirmed the recovery of JeM Commander Samir Dar's body along with three suspected other terrorists after they were neutralized in a joint operation. Dar was the last surviving terrorist involved in the 2019 Pulwama terrorist attack which resulted in the deaths of 40 Central Reserve Police Force soldiers.

SOURCE: 1 January 2022, [Republic World](#) [The Hindu](#)

#### **(U) Israel – Jerusalem Post Website Hacked on Soleimani Assassination Anniversary**

(U) Jerusalem – The Jerusalem Post newspaper reported its website and the Twitter account of Maariv and were targeted by pro-Iranian hackers today. Hackers posted a photo of a model of a nuclear facility in Dimona being blown up with the text "we are close to you where you do not think about it" in English and Hebrew on the Twitter account and website. The photo also showed a ballistic missile falling from what appears to be a representation of the hand of Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) Quds Force commander Qasem Soleimani. Sunday night marked the second anniversary of the US assassination of Soleimani in Baghdad in 2020.

SOURCE: 3 January 2022, [CNN Jerusalem Post](#)

#### **(U) South Africa – Suspect Arrested in Connection with South African Parliament Fire**

(U) Cape Town – South African police said today they had charged a man with arson over a fire that caused extensive damage to the national parliament building in Cape Town, as firefighters struggled to extinguish the last remains of the blaze. The fire broke out in the early morning and authorities said the sprinkler system appeared to have been tampered with, preventing it from working. The suspect will appear in court on Tuesday, facing charges of arson, housebreaking and theft.

SOURCE: 3 January 2022, [Reuters](#)

#### **(U) South Korea – Individual Crosses Armed Border in Rare Defection to North Korea**

(U) Seoul – A South Korean has crossed the heavily fortified border in a rare defection to North Korea, South Korea's military reported yesterday. The Joint Chiefs of Staff said it carried out a search operation after detecting the person on Saturday on the eastern side of the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ) separating the two Koreas and confirmed the individual crossed the Military Demarcation Line. The Defense Ministry said in a statement it suspects an earlier North Korean defector was the border crosser and that it is trying to confirm related information.

SOURCE: 3 January 2022, [Reuters](#) [NPR](#)

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